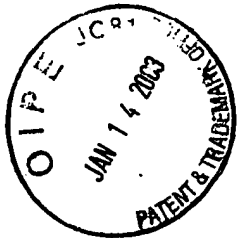


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AMENDMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the above-identified application in response to the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2002. Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a clean version of the amended subject matter is included in the "Appendix" submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 19, line 3 through page 19, line 22: Delete "Preferably the closure and neck finish ... snap on application."